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August CPI up 0.4%; housing down 0.8%

DAVID HARRIS

THE Consumer Price Index rose by 0.4 percent in August, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported on Friday.

The main price hikes last month were for fruit and vegetables, transportation and home maintenance.

The predicted rate of inflation for 1996 is between 11 and 12%.

Housing prices went down 0.8%, comprising decreases of 0.9% on homes purchased and 0.5% on rental properties.

However, bills for the upkeep of homes rose by an average 1.1%. This included increases in electricity (2.8%), gas (2.6%), and fuel (3.5%) bills.

Food prices rose by some 0.4%, including confectioneries (1.2%), fowl (2.1%), cocoa (4.5%), and preserved meats (2.0%).

Following several months of reductions in price, fruit and vegetables went up by 4.3%. Fresh vegetables rose 6.3%, with fresh fruits up 6.2%.

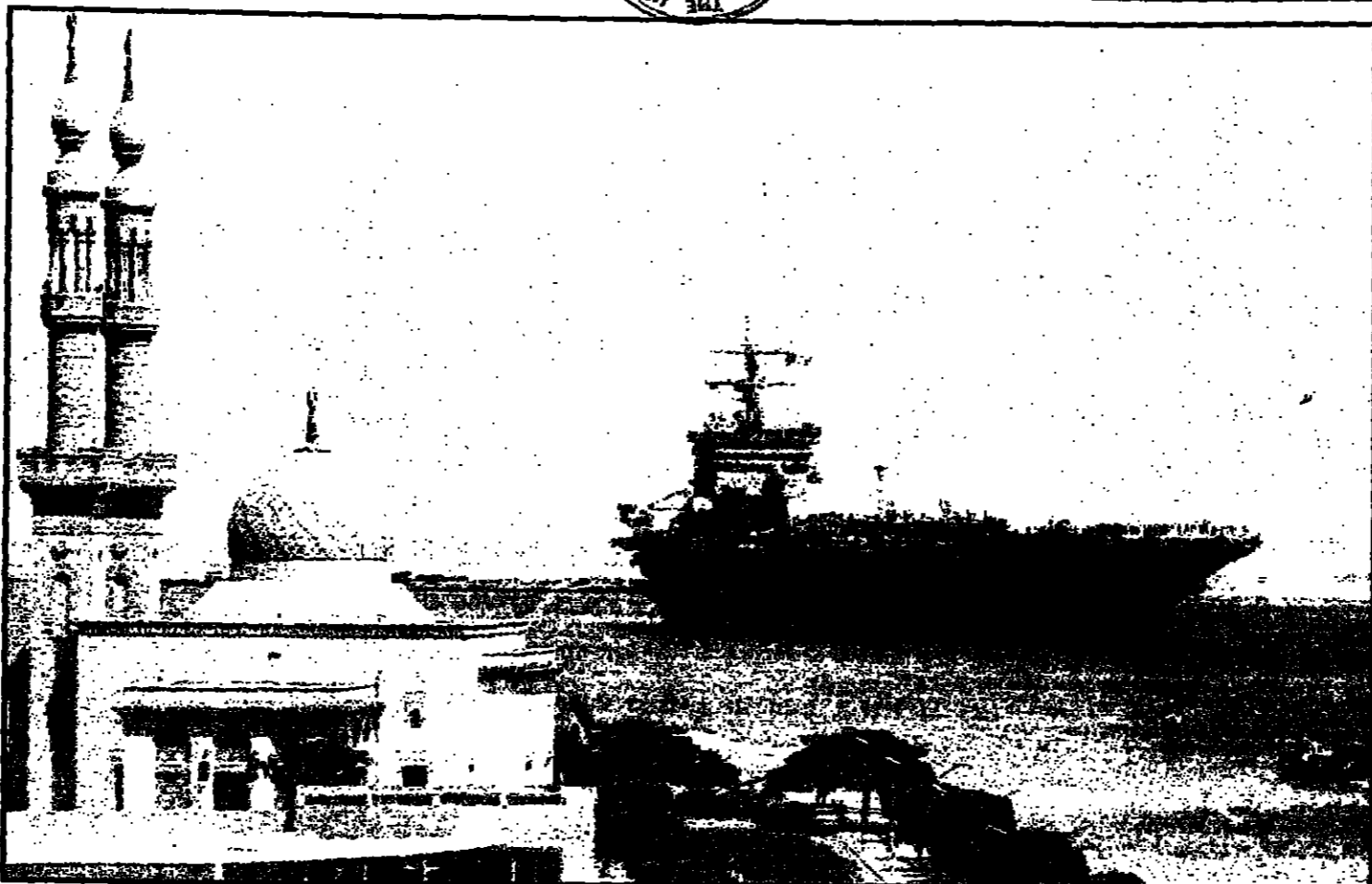
The Labor Party said Friday that the low CPI increase, which it said is the result of the previous government's policies, showed that the prime minister's government was pointless and saved only to depress the capital market.

Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper, however, said the relatively low increase in the August's CPI is not the result of the government's monetary policy.

Propper called for an additional NIS 1 billion cut from this year's budget and for the government to keep to its planned NIS 4.9b. cut next year.

Hisadant Chairman Amir Peretz said the low increase was good news, but warned that unless more was done to increase investment and growth, there would be more unemployment in the periphery, particularly in the South.

Item contributed to this report



The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise sails through the Suez Canal yesterday on its voyage from the Adriatic to the Persian Gulf where it will join other forces patrolling the region.

US wants more troops in Kuwait

KUWAIT (Reuter) - The United States yesterday held out the possibility of more strikes on Iraq and asked Kuwait to accept additional American troops on its soil to deter potential trouble from the Gulf state's former occupier.

US Defense Secretary William Perry told a news conference in Kuwait that the US "will take whatever action is necessary" to enforce an expanded southern Iraqi no-fly zone up to the 33rd parallel and to protect US pilots patrolling it.

"We will not tolerate this threat to our pilots," Perry said, adding Washington stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during heightened tension with Baghdad.

Perry is on a visit to the Gulf to try to rally the Gulf War alliance against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein following Iraqi missile attacks against US planes patrolling the no-fly zone.

Perry said he had asked Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, for permission to proceed with a plan announced by Washington on Friday to deploy several thousand more US troops in the Gulf state.

The emir had replied that Kuwait would give its reply after

regular review ... There is nothing irregular or troubling here."

In Kuwait, diplomats agreed that Perry's remarks reflected a simple error of timing - Washington mistakenly announced the deployment before Kuwait had been asked to approve it.

Perry's remarks about the troop deployment request raised speculation among some Kuwaitis that their leaders may have had doubts about the wisdom of hosting more US forces at a time when many Arab states have criticized US strikes on Iraq.

They noted Washington normally unveils its plans for military reinforcements in the volatile Gulf only after first obtaining the host government's permission in private contacts.

Kuwait, grateful to Washington for leading the 1991 Gulf War that liberated it from a seven-month Iraqi occupation, is so far the only Arab country to support Washington in its latest standoff with Saddam.

But President Bill Clinton told reporters in the US: "What happened was that the decision on the movements that we had made actually became public before we had done our regular consultation and the Kuwaitis had done their

battery of Scud-busting Patriot missiles to Kuwait to strengthen its air defenses.

Military sources say Kuwait over the past year has taken delivery of some of the hundreds of Patriots it ordered after the 1991 Gulf War but these are not yet fully operational.

Perry said Saddam posed a danger not only in northern Iraq, where his forces attacked Kurds last month, but could also "move to coerce or even attack his neighbors to the south."

Security at the news conference was tight. US guards milled around Perry with machine guns poking from their clothes.

Perry added he had ordered a

Arab states threaten to freeze ties

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ARAB foreign ministers meeting in Cairo, warned Israel yesterday that they would freeze ties if there is no progress in the peace process.

The Arab League meeting called on Qatar, Oman, Tunisia and Morocco to reevaluate their relations with Israel, according to a Channel 1 report last night.

"These are independent countries capable of evaluating their national interests very well. External pressure does not serve the interests of the peace process. It has precisely the opposite effect," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dov Gold said in response.

Ministers at the two-day Arab League meeting repeatedly warned that a collapse in the peace process is imminent.

"There has been a unanimous demand to tie relations with Israel to progress on the peace process," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said outside the meeting.

"Israel is wrecking the peace process and the basis on which it was established," he said.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office last night described these statements as "maneuvers of pressure that are counterproductive to the peace process. Israel will not act under pressure."

In June, a summit of Arab leaders in Cairo warned that Arab states would reconsider their role in the peace process and economic ties with Israel if it did not stick to the principle of trading land for peace.

Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat. Peace talks with Lebanon and Syria, meanwhile, have not resumed.

While not detailing the steps to be taken, Arab officials have suggested boycotting multilateral talks between Israel and Arab countries. That, however, will apparently not include the economic summit in Cairo scheduled for November 12-14.

"The Arab states need the multilateral meetings more than Israel does. By withdrawing they are harming themselves more than they can harm Israel," a source in the Prime Minister's Office said last night.

Netanyahu also dismissed the threats to end regional cooperation.

"We are not taking these things seriously," he said yesterday in an interview with Israel Radio. "I don't recommend anyone use these tools against us. It will not help."

Arafat complained Saturday that Israel was only play-acting at peace and was not serious about implementing agreements it had made with the PLO.

"There is an impasse not only on the Palestinian track but the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, where nothing has been implemented concerning the agreements signed and agreed upon," Arafat told reporters at the Arab summit.

"There is an attempt only to make a political show, to give the impression that there is a tendency from the Israelis to move in the (Continued on Page 2)

Dassy Rabinowitz, subject of cancer treatment scandal, dies

DASSY Rabinowitz, 19, the cancer patient from Eilat who made headlines this summer after she and her family complained that Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital hematology department chairman Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich refused to treat her, died Friday night at her home.

Rabinowitz, who died after a two-year battle with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, was buried last night at the Kfar Etzion cemetery.

The incident occurred in May, when Rabinowitz was refused an emergency blood transfusion by Hadassah, where Rachmilevich had been treating her. Hospital staffers said they had been ordered by Rachmilevich to refuse her further treatment, after the family had gone to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for a second opinion.

The transfusion was done by Shaare Zedek Hospital instead.

After the incident was reported in Ma'ariv Rachmilevich denied Dassy had been refused treatment out of spite, saying it was because the hospital lacked information on the type of treatment she had undergone at Rambam Hospital.

ing team concluded in July that the Rabinowitzs' complaint "was correct in all its details."

Following the receipt of that report, Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi appointed an official committee to examine whether Rachmilevich's behavior was in breach of his license or violated the law. It is due to complete its investigation next month.

Rachmilevich is currently on leave from the hospital.

A family friend said Rabinowitz had been released from the hospital to her home about a week ago.

"On Friday evening she felt she was slipping away, and said goodbye to her family. She was a girl who touched so many people, who volunteered all the time, who despite the treatments and chemotherapy volunteered at the Zichron Menachem camp for children with cancer.

"Only a month ago, while she was full of morphine, she took her driving test. She said: 'If all my girlfriends can do it, I can.' Rabinowitz was a graduate of the Neveh Hanna High School in Gush Etzion. She is survived by her parents and four siblings. (Titm)

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# Netanyahu: We don't adapt our interests to fit ties with US

THE government would rather strain relations with the US than concede too much territory, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a Rosh Hashana interview broadcast yesterday.

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position to certain Palestinian goals, including the return of Arab refugees to ancestral homes within the Green Line, as also among his nation's "supreme assets."

Netanyahu said he had made it clear in talks with President Bill Clinton that "our policy is not to create any limitation on existing Jewish settlement, and if we decide on new settlements, it will not come as a surprise."

this friendly president imposed sanctions on us, such as suspending delivery of F-16 fighters. "We didn't say, 'There's nothing we can do'... we acted to convince them, first of all, that their step was a mistake."



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his wife, Sara, and their children, Vair and Avner, take a holiday stroll in Kibbutz Hagoshrim in the Upper Galilee yesterday, accompanied by police and security men.

## Army continues to monitor Syrian troop movements

### IDF detects no significant change over holiday

THE IDF continues to monitor Syrian troop deployments in Lebanon and Syria, but there were no significant changes over the weekend, sources said.

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mountain range on the Syrian border where the Syrian army has SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles and anti-aircraft gun batteries installed, Lebanese security sources, quoted by Reuters, said.

tions in the range to protect anti-aircraft installations. The Syrian troop movements started last month when the troops evacuated a number of positions in the mountains of central Lebanon in what Lebanese security sources announced was a defensive redeployment after apparent Israeli threats to attack Syrian forces in Lebanon.

## Syria repeats rejection of proposal to restart talks

US MIDDLE East peace process coordinator Dennis Ross is due to arrive in Egypt tonight on the first leg of a regional tour to discuss progress in the peace process. He will later visit Jerusalem, but it is still unclear, according to an official in the Prime Minister's Office, whether Ross will also travel to Damascus.

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Israeli proposal and urged a united Arab stand to face the "dangerous alternatives resulting from the failure of Netanyahu's plan."

had nothing to do with the peace process," it said. Washington announced earlier in the week that Israel and the US had new proposals to restart the Syrian-Israeli peace negotiations.

## Medal of valor given to colonel suspended in 'dehydration trial'

### ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE colonel who was given a suspended sentence in the much publicized court-martial over the dehydration death of two commandos has been given a citation for valor for leading courageous operations in Lebanon.

## Low election turnout threatens Hizbullah

BAALBEK, Lebanon (Reuters) - Low turnout yesterday in the eastern Bekaa Valley appeared to threaten Hizbullah with a new setback in the final round of voting in Lebanon's parliamentary election.

The Lebanese Association for the Democracy of Elections (LADE), an independent watchdog, reported many irregularities in the poll. It reported widespread abuses in the earlier rounds.

The low turnout appeared to threaten the chances of a Maronite Christian and a Sunni Muslim candidate that Hizbullah was backing on the pro-government list besides three of its own candidates, local poll observers said.

"Hizbullah candidates are being deleted. We still don't know how widely practiced this has been but there is evident deletion of our candidates' names," Hizbullah deputy Khodr Tleis told reporters.

## Pregnant woman killed as husband swerves to avoid cow

A PREGNANT 29-year-old woman was killed Saturday when her husband swerved their car off the road near Tiberias to avoid hitting a cow.

A scooter driver was seriously hurt in Herzliya in a collision with a car, and taken to Kfar Sava's Meir Hospital. A motorcyclist was also seriously injured when he collided with a vehicle. He was taken to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

The court subsequently gave Ben-Avraham a 90-day suspended sentence. During his trial, a string of top generals, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, testified as character witnesses for Ben-Avraham.

## Nurses call one-day strike tomorrow

### JUDY SIEGEL

NURSES in all the public hospitals will hold a one-day strike tomorrow, closing down outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes and severely reducing services in the operating rooms and the wards.

The nurses are currently working according to a job-slot standard set in 1982/3. Since then 700,000 new immigrants and native-born Israelis have been added to the population, treatments have become high-tech and much more sophisticated and the number of chronically ill patients has increased, according to union chief Ilana Cohen.

## Police call off search for Edri

POLICE have decided to not renew the searches today for missing soldier Sharon Edri of Moshav Zanoah, who has been missing since last Monday. However, police will continue to collect intelligence information in an attempt to locate him.

Sharon, I beg of him to have mercy on me and on him and return him home," Edri's mother, Hanna, said on Friday. "Every day has been a terror," she said.

## Palestinians: We'll reopen Hebron market today

PALESTINIAN officials met yesterday in Hebron and decided to reopen a market in the town closed since 1994, when Baruch Goldstein shot dead 29 Arab worshippers at the nearby Machpeta Cave.

"We will go on Monday and we will reopen shops there," said Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natsh. "The Tabu agreement we signed last year with Israel says it should be reopened, but Israel keeps delaying. Israel does not implement what was agreed upon."

## Shahak to France for official visit

### ELDAD BECK PARIS

CHIEF of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak is expected to arrive soon in Paris for a four-day official visit to France. He will be a guest of his French counterpart, Chief of Staff Philippe Dousten. Dousten visited Israel in January.

and that Milon's "warning" was an isolated incident. Shahak, moreover, paid a short, unofficial visit to France in July, crossing over from Belgium to visit the Eurosatory '96 international arms show, in which Israel was participating for the first time, and to meet his French counterpart.

## Mekorot proposing desalination plant in Haifa

### DAVID RUDGE

MEKOROT is proposing the establishment of a desalination plant in the Haifa bayside district to help overcome a severe shortage of drinking water in the region.

shortage of fresh water in the region had been foreseen as far back as the 1970's, but had been exacerbated by the rapid growth of the population in Haifa, the bayside suburbs and Western Galilee in the past few years.

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(Continued from Page 1) right direction, while on the ground there is nothing concrete in our hands," he added.

facade. This puts the peace process in real danger." Arafat said his speech focused on Jerusalem, Israel's refusal to withdraw from Hebron, the fate of Palestinian refugees, safe passage routes between the self-rule areas and Palestinian prisoners. These are some of the stickiest issues on the Palestinian-Israeli negotiating table.



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# Pro-US Kurds flee to Turkey



Iraqi Kurds and their families carry their belongings across the Habur bridge yesterday to enter Turkey. Most of the evacuees leave worked as employees of US aid programs and military groups.

**HUNDREDS** of Kurds clutching suitcases crossed the Turkish border yesterday at the start of an evacuation by pro-US Iraqis who fear Baghdad's increased influence in northern Iraq, witnesses said.

The Kurds, brought to the border in a fleet of battered buses and jeeps, walked across the Habur bridge crossing for passage to Turkey from where they were to be processed for asylum in the United States.

"I feel great. I just want to get across that bridge," said a refugee who identified himself only as Moyyad. A Turkish tank waited on the other side of the border.

As many as 2,500 Iraqi Kurds were to be relocated to a camp in the Turkish town of Silopi. Most worked as employees of US aid programs and the US-led air operation patrolling a no-fly zone for Iraqi aircraft in northern Iraq. But some are believed to have been engaged in intelligence activities for the Americans.

Witnesses said more than 200 Kurds were put up at a camp inside Turkey. "We look forward to having them transmitted from Turkey very quickly," US diplomat Frank Ricciardini told Reuters Television.

The Kurds had been holed up in

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small hotels and private residences waiting to escape since Iraqi troops helped the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) faction take the city of Arbil from a rival group late last month.

The KDP, led by Massoud Barzani, went on to conquer most of northern Iraq and boost Saddam's prestige in a region where he had been ineffective for the past five years.

The US-led force has been patrolling northern Iraq since after the Gulf War in 1991. Baghdad announced on Friday it would suspend missile attacks on intruding planes after Washington began a military build up in response to a failed missile strike on US planes over northern Iraq last week.

Among the Iraqis to be ferried out were administrators, drivers and messengers who had worked for Washington in the region. They were to take their families with them.

"The last 10 days have been like 10 years," said Moyyad, who had been waiting in a house with 17 other people in Dohuk, about 50 km south of the border.

"The children are naughty, my wife is sick and I have been smoking three packs of cigarettes a day and feeling chest pains. All of this is from the strain," Moyyad said.

About 250 members of the Iraqi National Congress, a US-funded group dedicated to the overthrow of Saddam, were also set to cross the border in the next few days.

The Washington Post said yesterday that the US Central Intelligence Agency had spent about \$100 million since 1991 to oust Saddam, with very little to show for its efforts.

The paper said the CIA had funded dissident Kurds and Iraqis, enabling them to buy light arms and ammunition, communications gear, publishing materials, broadcasting equipment, cars, trucks, food and medicine.

US citizens in government programs in Iraqi Kurdistan were evacuated shortly after a round of Kurdish infighting broke out in Arbil on August 31. Some private aid workers, however, chose to stay behind.

Officials of the Baghdad-backed KDP are reluctant to see so many of the region's skilled people leave and say the refugees' fears of a return by Saddam's forces are unfounded.

## Bossi declares secession of northern Italy

**VENICE (AP)** - Before tens of thousands of cheering followers, secessionist leader Umberto Bossi declared northern Italy yesterday a separate nation, his sharpest provocation yet of the political establishment that he accuses of crushing the wealthy region.

"We, the peoples of Padania, solemnly proclaim: Padania is an independent and sovereign federal republic," Bossi read to the crowd packed along the banks of the lagoon near the mouth of the Grand Canal.

More than 50,000 "leghisti," as Bossi's Northern League backers are known, flocked to the rally.

The declaration condemned the Italian state for "colonial oppression, economic exploitation and moral violence" and denounced Rome for using the north's resources for "Mafia-like welfare for the South."

"I feel free of Rome," said Andrea Dalla Vecchia, 21, who came from nearby Vicenza to see Bossi.

Earlier, Premier Romano Prodi, speaking elsewhere in the north, declared that "unity and autonomy must travel together in our country." But his government's pledge to put Italy on the path to federalism hasn't gotten very far.

Bossi, in his gravelly voice,

somberly read out the independence declaration after arriving in a catamaran across the lagoon.

Sunday's appointment drew the biggest crowd in three days of League independence protests.

Scores of events were held along the mighty Po River, which runs through the rich industrial and agricultural heartland of northern Italy. But until the Venice appointment, no more than hundreds of people, thousands in some cases, showed up at the events.

The League had predicted over 1.5 million people would show up.

In Venice, more than 4,000 police were on hand to control the crowds. Besides League sympathizers and the usual mass of tourists, a soccer game drew thousands of fans. Leftist Mayor Massimo Cacciari invited citizens to stay home.

Boos and catcalls went up from League followers when a woman hung an Italian flag from her window overlooking the rally. She responded with a rude gesture and left the banner hanging.

A major counter-protest organized in Milan by the right-wing National Alliance drew some 100,000 people, who waved Italian flags and listened to the national anthem.

## OSCE observes 'fair' Bosnian elections, questions Moslem protest

**INTERNATIONAL** supervisors of Bosnia's first post-war elections said yesterday that independent monitors found them largely free and fair, all but dismissing a Moslem refusal to accept results from Serb areas.

France and Germany joined Richard Holbrooke, US architect of Bosnia's peace process who witnessed Saturday's polling, in praising the elections, piling pressure on the Moslems to drop their challenge over alleged Serb ballot fraud.

Bosnian Serbs responded to the Moslems' move by ordering local election committees to stop counting votes in Serb areas, for which tens of

thousands of Moslem refugees cast ballots.

But the counting resumed a few hours later following intervention by the election overseers, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

International sponsors had braced for post-election protests and obstruction by Bosnian factions still polarized after 43 months of war, and said they were confident disputes would be ironed out in coming days.

The OSCE said all of Bosnia's factions knew in advance the elections would not be perfect and the

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SARAJEVO

preliminary evidence gave no cause to annul the results in any of Bosnia's divided Moslem, Croat and Serb-dominated sectors.

"They were almost entirely free of abuse. The international [OSCE-affiliated] observers, according to our preliminary reports, have been well satisfied with the arrangements they observed," said OSCE spokeswoman Agota Kuperman.

"All major political parties including the [Moslem] SDA agreed to participate in these elections, know-

ing full well that a state of perfection in so far as political behavior is concerned had not been achieved."

Preliminary results from balloting for a three-person Bosnian presidency from Moslem, Serb and Croat communities as well as inter-ethnic parliaments are due today.

An international monitors' report will influence a decision later this month on whether to certify the results. Steps to form power-sharing institutions and pass a 1997 budget would then begin.

The protest by Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic's Party of Democratic Action was addressed to

the UN Security Council, ultimate arbiter of Bosnia's peace process, but Holbrooke and other international officials shrugged it off.

"We always knew there would be protests about the elections... But this was a general protest clearly [drafted] before the elections," Holbrooke told reporters in Sarajevo yesterday. "It is not a big deal."

Izetbegovic issued a statement later citing "reports of serious irregularities" in Serb-area voting but strikingly made no mention of the SDA's vow not to recognize the results.

## Afghanistan government jets bomb Jalalabad

**JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP)** - Government jets launched a punishing air strike yesterday on the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, destroying several buildings and sending thousands of terrified residents fleeing the city.

Six people were killed in the attack, said doctors at Jalalabad General Hospital. Dozens more were injured.

The hospital, a shabby white-washed cement building, was overwhelmed with wounded. Patients lay moaning in cots that lined the corridors.

Doctors scrambled from one patient to the other, administering medicine, cleaning wounds, issuing orders. The local anesthetic barely had time to take effect before doctors began digging out shrapnel.

"They just keep coming in. They have head wounds, fractures, internal bleeding... all from the bombing," said hospital nursing director, Mohammed Shakir.

Families knelt beside their

wounded relatives. Fathers comforted screaming children. Space was at a premium and the smallest patients shared a cot.

In one bed a mother and son lay side by side. One of the bombs had landed near her flimsy home spraying shrapnel everywhere.

"I just grabbed him. He was screaming. I was screaming. Our neighbors helped us," said Pasha Begum.

Outside bloodied stretchers were stacked against the hospital emergency ward to greet the wounded who arrived by horse-drawn cart, motorized rickshaws and in buses. Some carried their wounded on their back.

Others came to retrieve their

dead.

A bus full of wailing burqa-clad women and howling children watched as the body of a relative wrapped in a bloody shroud was hoisted onto the bus to be taken home to be buried.

At least one of the jets, screaming down on the city in a nose dive, dropped its load near Jalalabad's historic Winter Palace, where hundreds of rebel troops have been camped out since capturing the city on Wednesday.

Rebel forces have used the palace and the Governor's Mansion as their headquarters since marching into Jalalabad.

The bombing run destroyed three buildings in the city 75 kilometers

from the Pakistani border. One bomb landed near one of the city's only functioning hotels, used by the staff of many international aid agencies.

"I just ran for cover," said Cobe Leslie, Sunitim-Eddy, a military advisor with the United Nations Special Mission for Afghanistan, "I divided for cover between the beds."

## Chechen rebels prepared to renew fighting

**MOSCOW (AP)** - Chechen separatists are ready to resume fighting when necessary as the peace process comes under increasing strain, the rebels' military commander said in remarks televised yesterday.

Asian Maskhadov, who signed a series of accords last month with Russian security chief Alexander Lebed, said it's not clear whether the three-week-old peace will hold.

"It's very fragile," Maskhadov said in an interview aired on the NTV program of Russia's independent TV television. "The situation depends on how politicians in Moscow work it out amongst themselves."

He noted that he had already signed several agreements with the Russians.

Fighting in the Caucasus Mountains republic came to a virtual halt August 23 when a truce was agreed to and the warring sides began pulling their forces out of the

capital Grozny.

But efforts to arrange a lasting settlement to the 21-month-old conflict have bogged down due to resistance in Moscow to the peace deal, which calls for Chechnya to vote in 2001 on whether to become independent.

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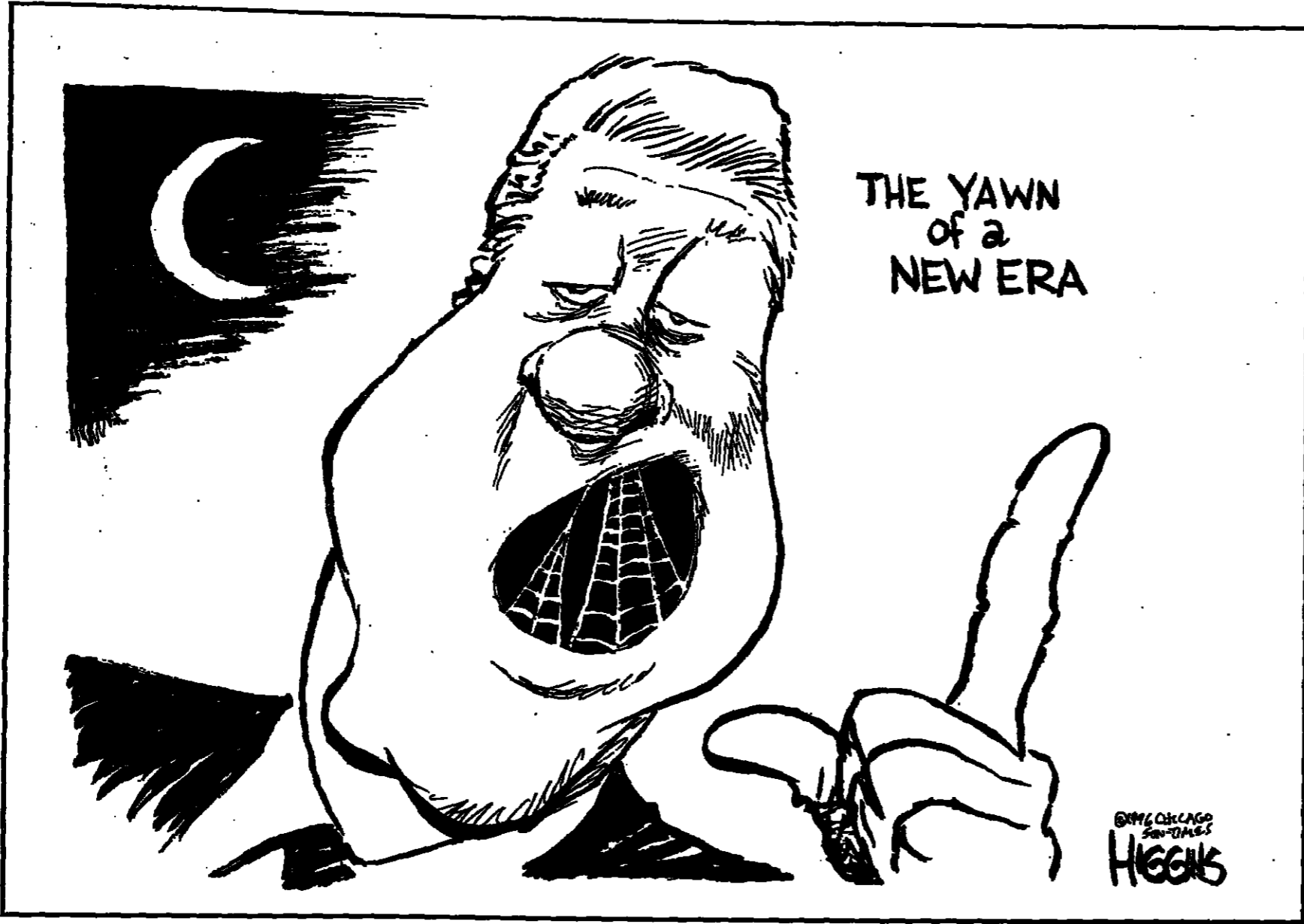
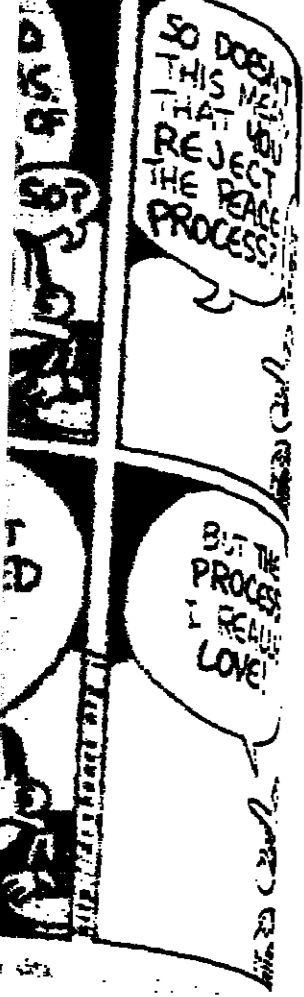






# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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## Kurdish rights at center of conflict

By ALAN DERSHOWITZ

The recent unilateral action by the United States against Iraq once again raises the question of selective international morality. Put most bluntly, the world doesn't care about the rights of the Kurdish people. Thirty million Kurds have been subjected to unmitigated barbarity by the Iraqis, the Turks and the Iranians. This has included gassings, mass executions, expulsions, detentions and denial of linguistic and other rights. The Kurdish people are entitled to an independent homeland — or at the very least international recognition as an autonomous ethnic national group. But their legitimate claims have been largely ignored by the United Nations as well as most countries, churches and human-rights organizations.

Contrast this lack of concern with the obsession the world has had with Palestinian rights. There are far fewer Palestinians, and they have been far less oppressed than the Kurds. The Palestinians, as a distinct entity, go back no more than a couple of decades, whereas the Kurds are an ancient people. Palestinians share a common language, ethnicity, religion and culture with their Arab neighbors. The Kurds are a far more distinct grouping. Palestinians already constitute a majority of the population of one country, Jordan, whereas the Kurds are an oppressed minority in three countries. In the area in which they are a majority, Kurdistan, they do not control their own destiny, in any meaningful way.

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Why then has the world focused so little attention on a larger group with far more compelling claims to statehood or at least autonomy? There are two answers, neither of them morally acceptable.

First and foremost is that the Palestinians have forced their claims to the front burner by engaging in the most horrible forms of international terrorism. They originated and perfected airplane terrorism and other forms of targeting the softest and most vulnerable civilians, especially children and families. They have blackmailed the world into elevating the importance of their claims. They have shown the world that terrorism works — at the United Nations, in world capitals and in churches. Though the Kurds have not been free of all sin — they have engaged in some terrorism — their targeting of innocent civilians has not been comparable to that of the Palestinians. For that reason their claims have received far less attention.

Second, the Palestinians picked their enemies and friends well, while the Kurds did not. The Palestinians have targeted Israel and Jews, thus creating a natural alliance with anti-Semitic nations, groups and individuals. Moreover, their national enemy has no oil, while their friends do. The Kurds, on the other hand, have been oppressed by powerful nations, with large oil supplies and other resources. The world community does not want to pick a fight with Turkey. And although the United States is willing to take on Saddam Hussein, most of the rest of the world would rather not alienate resource-rich human-rights violators.

This all may explain, though it surely does not justify, the double standard by which nations distinguish between the claims of the Palestinians and the Kurds. But it does not even begin to explain why churches, human-rights organizations, intellectuals, students and other moral actors seem to care so much less about the Kurds than about the Palestinians. Try to remember the last time a church or university group spoke out on behalf of Kurdish rights!

Part of the reason for this "moral" double standard may simply be that even moral actors follow the dictates of "political correctness." Certain causes are more vogueish than others. But moral actors should devote more of their resources to unpopular, less vogueish causes, than to those that have the support of powerful nation-states.

Nor are Kurds the only discriminated-against group ignored by the world community. The Bahais, who are being persecuted by the Iranians, can barely get a hearing before the international court of public opinion. The Romani people (commonly called Gypsies) are the frequent target of hostility and discrimination throughout Europe. Other groups that have been denied their rights are also ignored, unless paying attention to their plight serves the agenda of powerful interest. The United Nations lists several dozen distinct "peoples" who are stateless and lack autonomy. Yet only the Palestinians have received so much attention from the international community. I am not suggesting that the Palestinians should not receive some kind of autonomy consistent with the security of their neighbors. I am suggesting that Palestinian claims are no more legitimate than the claims of others, which have been ignored.

Thomas Bentham once described international human rights as "hypocrisy on a stick." Unless those of us who care deeply about making human rights a reality — indeed an enforceable reality — begin to prioritize our resources in accordance with the merits of competing claims and not in accordance with the dictates of power politics, we will prove Bentham correct.

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## Tap dance

### The FBI's battle to monitor phone calls

By JOSEPH FINDER

The July 17 crash of TWA Flight 800, like other acts of terrorism before it, plunged the Clinton administration and Congress into a legislative frenzy. Just before its August recess, the House rushed through a terrorism bill that was laughably weak and useless, its teeth having been extracted by an unholy alliance of ACLU skills, NRA yes-men and other libertarians of the left and right. Worst of all, the bill jettisoned the one provision the White House wanted most: authorization for the expanded use of wiretaps.

As Congress reconvenes, Sens. Joe Biden and Orrin Hatch will likely try to succeed where the administration failed. The most crucial (and controversial) provision they're pushing involves "roving," or multipoint, wiretaps — the authority to wiretap several telephones on a single warrant. An ordinary tap covers one telephone line, not the person using it; a roving wiretap enables law-enforcement to tap every phone a person uses. But we're in the age of cellular phones, and our law enforcement, unfortunately, is stuck (legally, anyway) in rotary-dial.

Take the hypothetical case of an apartment full of radical Iranian nationals living in Jersey City, plotting to demolish Manhattan. If we simply want to gather intelligence about their activities, we can order the kind of tap allowed by the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. But, once we hear the words "neutron bomb" and "Trump Tower," we're into a criminal investigation. To continue tapping, we have to get a new court order for a "T-3" tap (for Title III of the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act). That's not so easy. Each T-3 wiretap has to be approved by a high-level Justice Department official, and then by whichever court has jurisdiction over the venue where the tap would be put in place.

Our terrorists, though, are fairly sophisticated. They assume their home phone is tapped, and so they don't use it to talk business. A couple of years ago, they'd have gone out to the phone booth on the corner, but they've since learned that federal officials can tap pay phones. So they never use the same public phone twice. They know that, if we want to follow them around electronically, we've got to get a separate court order for each phone.

That's why the roving wiretap exception was devised. But, to get a roving tap authorized, the feds have to prove their subject is deliberately

trying to evade a wiretap by switching phones. That's hard to prove. An FBI surveillance team might observe a suspect scuttling back and forth between phone booths, but who's to say he isn't using the different phones for some other reason?

Cellular phones make it even harder for law enforcement. The law establishing roving taps was passed in 1986, before cell phones proliferated. These days, a malefactor can readily get a pile of cell phones and pirate their phone numbers and use them all in the privacy of his Jersey City apartment. Good luck proving to a court that he's trying to elude a tap. Unless you have an informant inside the apartment, the burden of proof is insurmountable.

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The FBI wants to change the law so that you need to prove only that a person's "actions and conduct" would "have the effect of thwarting interception." Legally, it's much easier right now to bug someone's home than it is to tap his phone, which is curious, given how much more intrusive it is to have a hidden microphone or video camera in your bedroom. The administration simply wants the same legal threshold for roving wiretaps as exists for bugs.

Anyone who insists that giving the FBI slightly enhanced authority to tap cell-phone-wielding terrorists will lead to widespread abuses has no idea how these things actually work. T-3, or law-enforcement, wiretaps must be monitored around the clock, not simply recorded to be listened to later. Why? Because, by law, every time a tapped phone is in use, an agent has to listen, and if it's the subject's lawyer on the line, or even the neighborhood video-rental store (i.e., not a criminally related call), the agent must hang up. This practice, called "minimization," is meant to keep the government from listening in on innocent calls.

Which leads to another reason it's unlikely legal wiretaps will become widespread: They're enormously expensive, largely because of the manpower involved. An ordinary wiretap costs an average of \$73,000. A roving tap can cost more

than \$130,000. The ACLU often complains about the cost of wiretaps, but it neglects to mention that it's the protection of our civil liberties that makes them so expensive. That expense is a major reason that the federal government, in the thousands of investigations it conducts each year, uses no more than 600 wiretaps. As for roving taps, last year there were exactly four: two for narcotics investigations and two for kidnapping. Given the cost, making them easier to get is unlikely to mean many more.

And the punishment for violating wiretap laws is so onerous that the FBI would much sooner err on the side of caution than risk slipping up. Anyone who orders or participates in an illegal tap, has any knowing involvement of it, or unlawfully discloses information obtained from a tap can go to jail for 10 years. The threat of jail time can make a bureaucrat awfully punctilious.

I'm too cynical to say abuses never occur. But if they do they're pretty rare. If you assume good faith on the part of our law-enforcement agencies, proper supervision by the Justice Department, sound judicial review and congressional oversight, then the slightly expanded authority the White House wants isn't a civil-liberties concern. If you don't believe the Justice Department, Congress and the courts are adequate safeguards, then there shouldn't be any wiretaps at all, which is, by the way, the ACLU's position.

The chief reason, though, that Congress is so averse to expanded taps is the plummeting credibility of the FBI. Already sullied by the bloody sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco (both of which have become totemic to the black-helicopter crowd), the bureau under Director Louis Freeh seems to harbor more than a tinge of J. Edgar Hooverism. Witness the various, appalling Filegate blunders. And there's the egregious case of Richard Jewell, the security guard whom the FBI suspected of planting the bomb at the Atlanta Olympics. Whether or not he did it, his persecution was a gruesome illustration of the FBI's power to destroy a person based on a mere hunch. It wasn't exactly reassuring to hear an Atlanta FBI agent declare, "We never apologize." There's no question the FBI bears extremely close monitoring. Then again, as the ACLU and its ilk seem to forget, so do the terrorists.

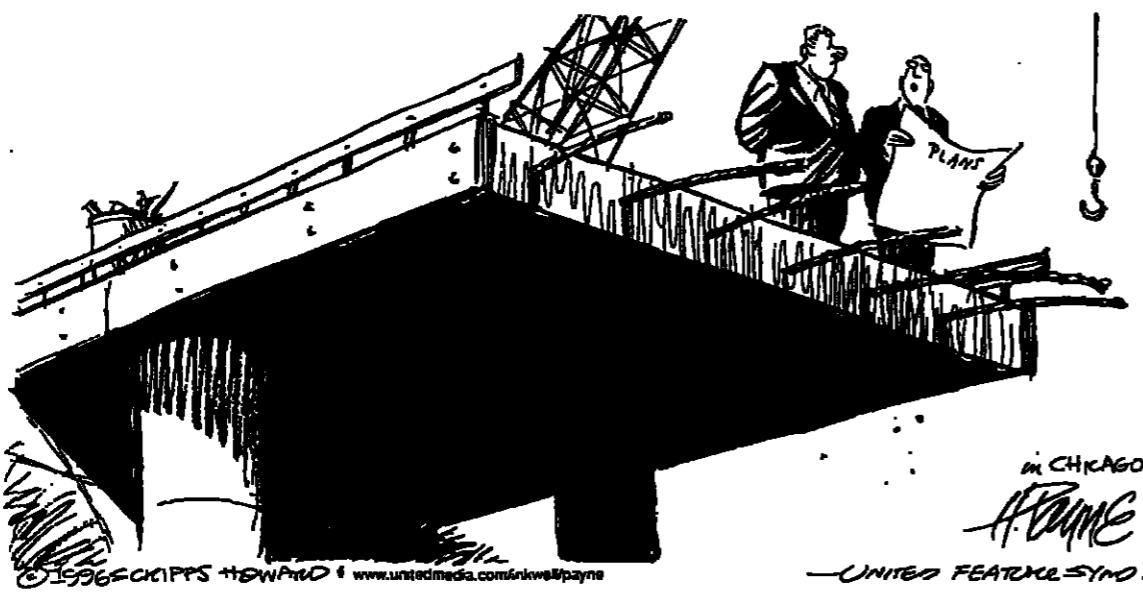
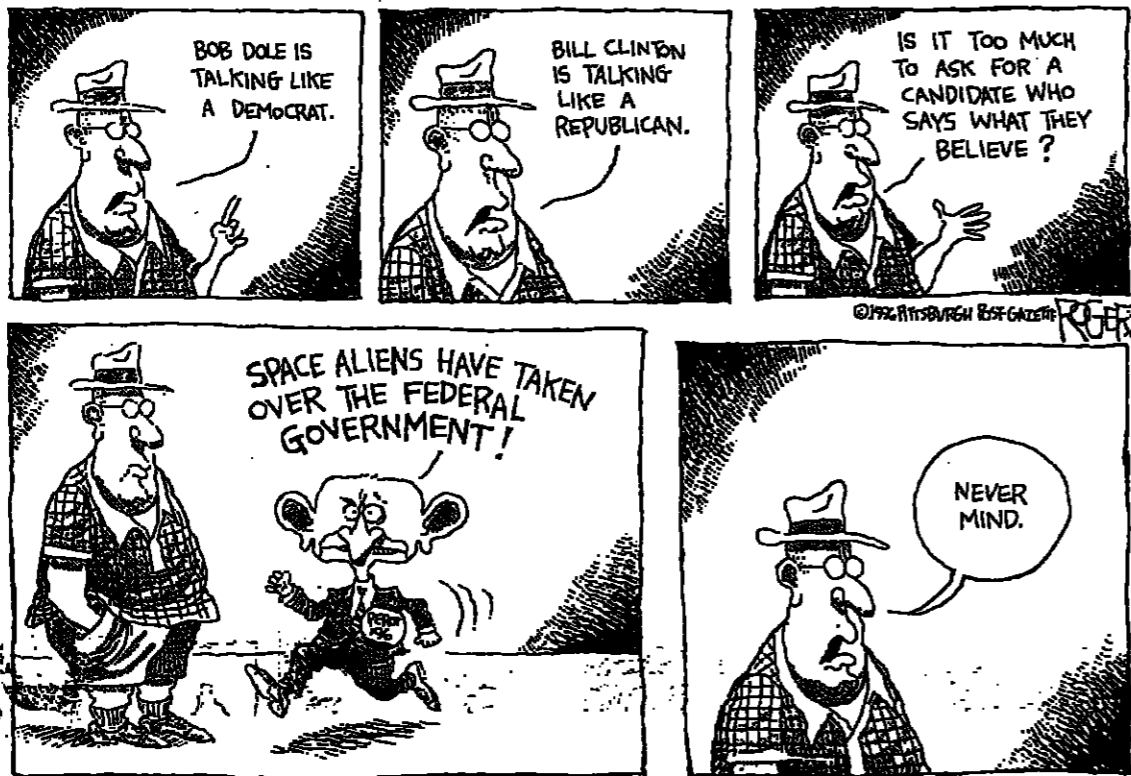
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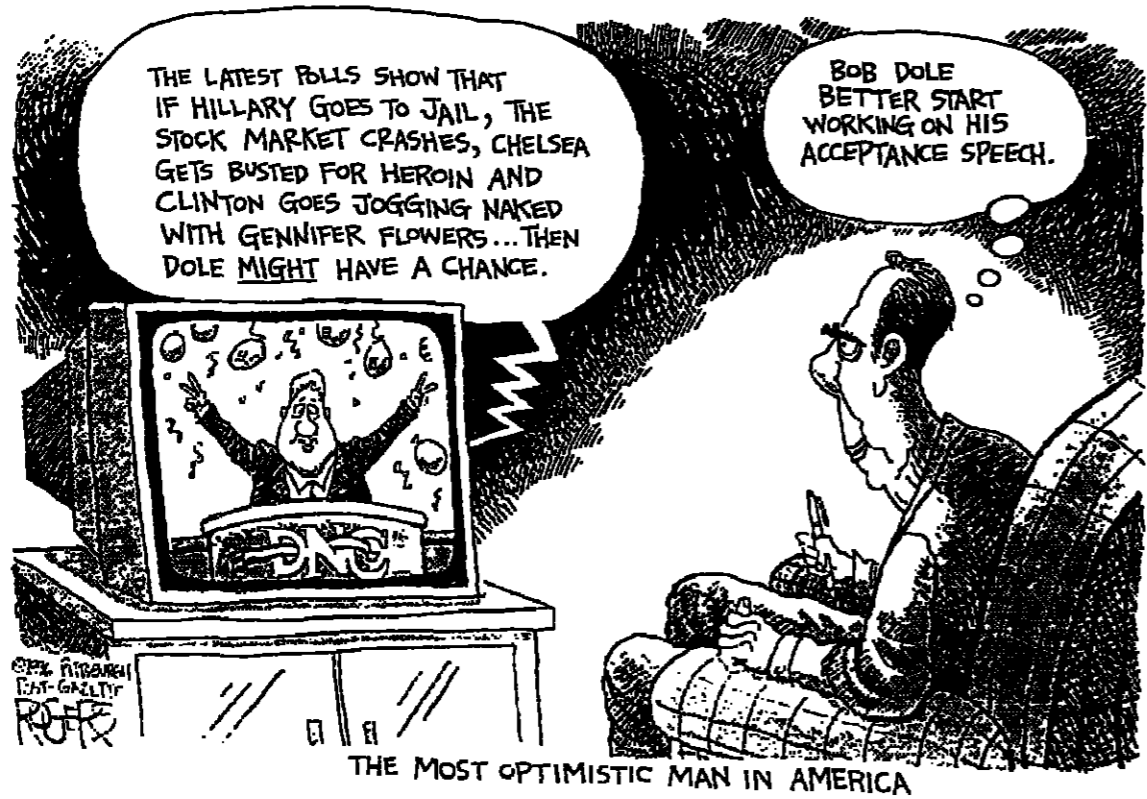
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## Oldies but goodies emerge at Democratic convention

BY SEAN WILENTZ

Beneath a bright but not oppressive midday sun, four hours before the Democrats officially opened their convention in Chicago, the AFL-CIO held a spirited rally outside the State of Illinois Building on Randolph Street. A small sea of red-T-shirted organizers and rank-and-file cheerers John Sweeney, the federation's new president. Martin Luther King III spoke affectingly about his father's ties to organized labor. At the rally's close, the crowd sang the old union anthem, "Solidarity Forever" — and people appeared to know the lyrics. For an hour or so, in the heart of Chicago's Loop, the Democratic Party's traditional labor-liberal spirit seemed undimmed.

A different sort of sentimentalism held sway that evening inside the United Center. The other sentimentalism was better suited to New Democratic, edge-city tastes, epitomized by the music of this era's Mantovani, Kenny G, the banal, treachery saxophonist admired by the president. Still, outside of the convention hall, in and around the downtown hotels, one kept bumping into throngs of die-hard party liberals and leftists.

It was oldies but goodies time. Later that week, '60s veterans and wannabes gathered at McCormick Place to hail the surviving members of the Chicago Eight and to revel in what could in this context only be called period music: Crosby, Stills and Nash, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and the millionth cast of "Hair." (Or was it the first cast of "Rent"? No, that was later.) The next day, Tikkun magazine attracted more than 200 delegates, alternates, reporters and hangers-on to a late-afternoon panel discussion on the politics of meaning (bad ideas never die; they become panel discussions). An impressive slice of the liberal intelligentsia, along with some high-level Washington officials, turned out for The American Prospect's party at the Chicago Historical Society. And clogging the hotel lobbies, alongside the lip-sticked ladies with their donkey hats and the silk-suited gentlemen with their daring eyes, were trade unionists, feminists and gay activists, whose presence confirmed that this was, yes, a Democratic national convention.

The striking thing about the liberals in Chicago, however, was not their ubiquity but their composure. It was widely assumed that U.S. President Bill Clinton's signing of the Republican-crafted welfare bill had severely alienated the

party's liberal wing. Some pundits expected the alienation would surface at the convention meetings, and here and there it did. In their speeches, old lions Jesse Jackson and Mario Cuomo admitted to their misgivings about welfare reform and then became unstinting in their support of the ticket. Prominent congressional liberals expressed the utmost confidence that the president, if re-elected, would move leftward.

In part, the liberals' acquiescence reflects their rapid political decline, particularly since 1994. Had the Democrats retained control of the House two years ago, Clinton might well have faced a primary challenge from his left, say from Jackson, and the party would have entered its 1996 convention as badly divided as it was in 1980. "Newt Gingrich and the freshman class turned out to be President Clinton's greatest gift," departing Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder told me in Chicago — and Democratic liberals, with no choice but to back the lesser of two evils, learned to suffer in silence.

In other respects, though, the liberals' unruffled demeanor suggests they have begun a recovery. The difficulties of the past four years have certainly diminished the rage for moral purity that has long plagued their politics. "Liberals realize that throwing a tantrum over the welfare bill isn't going to help any poor people," Barney Frank remarked to me between convention sessions. Consistently, Democratic liberals hewed to the convention script, winning points by showing that they, too, could be good soldiers.

Not that everything was sweetness and light. In a taxicab departing from the convention hall, a congenial Midwestern congressional candidate complained that his Republican rival had seized upon his opposition to the welfare bill to paint him as a radical out of touch with his own party leader. And those liberal Democrats who came of age in the 1960s still quietly hanker for a revival of the protest politics that the rest of the country dismisses as subversion or kitsch.

According to Schroeder, for example, the decline of organized peace groups after the end of the Cold War helps to explain, a little paradoxically, why there's so little pressure these days to prune the defense budget. She drew a bleak picture of the current political scene: of a White House commanded by narrow technocrats, a Congress paralyzed by petty ambitions, a citizenry that sees government as a sort of spiritual toxic waste dump. Clinton's re-election is

important, she added, if only as an alternative to unfettered Republican rule. In a second term, she surmised, the president, goaded by Mrs. Clinton, might secure his historical legacy. "But what will that be?" she wondered. "That he got half a loaf for the American people? Or a third of the loaf? Or even that much?"

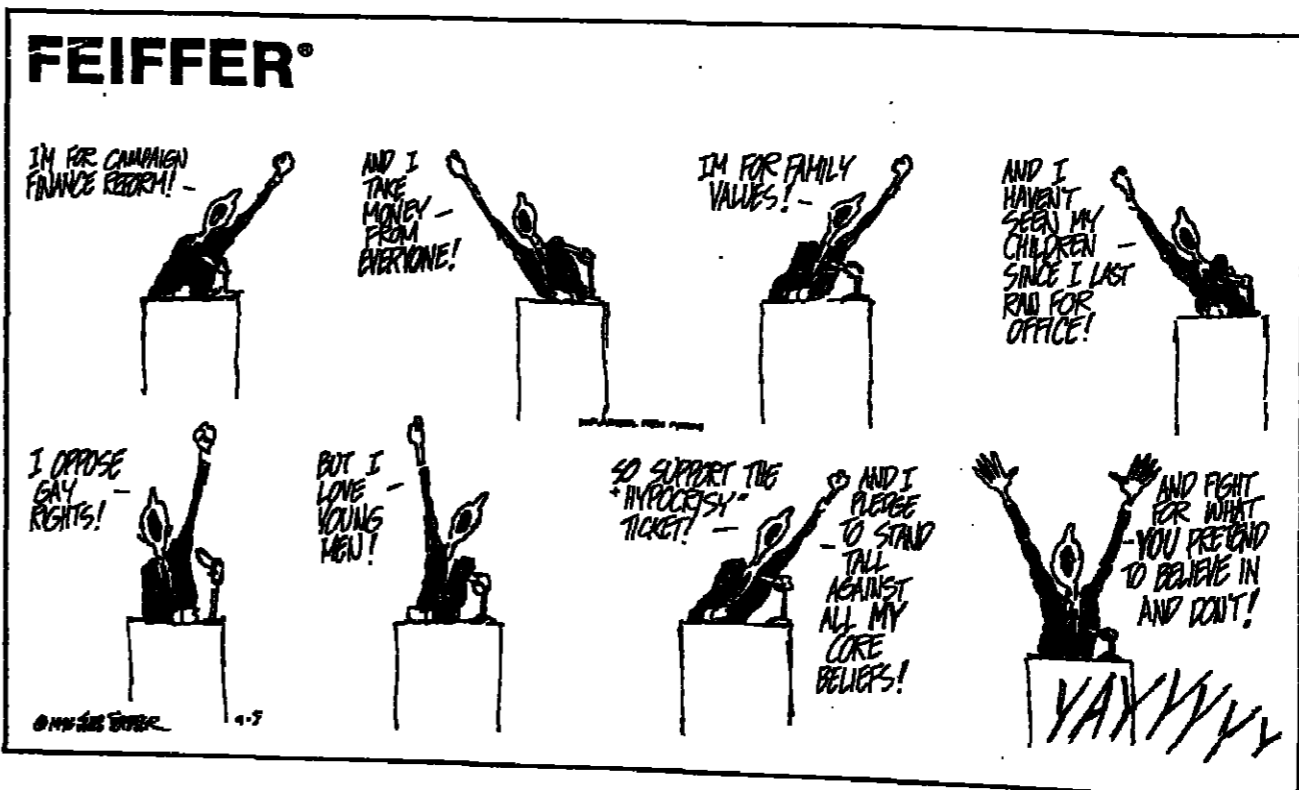
Perhaps because he is not a whole-loafer, Barney Frank is more sanguine (which may be why he's staying in Congress for a second Clinton term.) "The public is ready now for a safety net for the middle class," he told me, "something not just for the poor, but for everyone who will need help, from time to time, in order to own a home, educate their kids, keep themselves healthy or have something to retire on." Americans, he explained, have realized that today, unlike 30 years ago, relatively few of us can expect to go through life with one stable job — a lesson, he contended, underscored by the effects of corporate downsizing. Consequently, voters will look to the federal government to do more on their behalf, not all the time but at critical moments, such as when buying a home or sending a kid to college.

Frank thinks the public will pay for this rediscovered largesse with cuts in military spending ("We need to talk about burden sharing, about how we've propped up some of our strongest economic competitors with military spending," he said. "I could sell it politically in a minute.") He even thinks that the Republicans' mania for budget balancing will eventually force them to stop building new costly weapons as well. "It's a zero-sum game now. We're at the point where we have to make choices. And, in the end, a balanced budget really plays into our hands."

Is this likely? Perhaps not. Perhaps Frank is simply bluffing. But, if liberal paragons like him fear deep down that they've been consigned to the dustbin of history, they're doing a good job of hiding it. Despite the Democratic frustration and fratricide of Bill Clinton's first four years, four years in which liberals were blamed for his early failures and grimaced at his late successes, the party's left is plausibly making a claim on the future. As everyone knows, conventions, and politics in general, are about turning illusion into truth. Besides, the dustbin's numbers have been pretty good lately.

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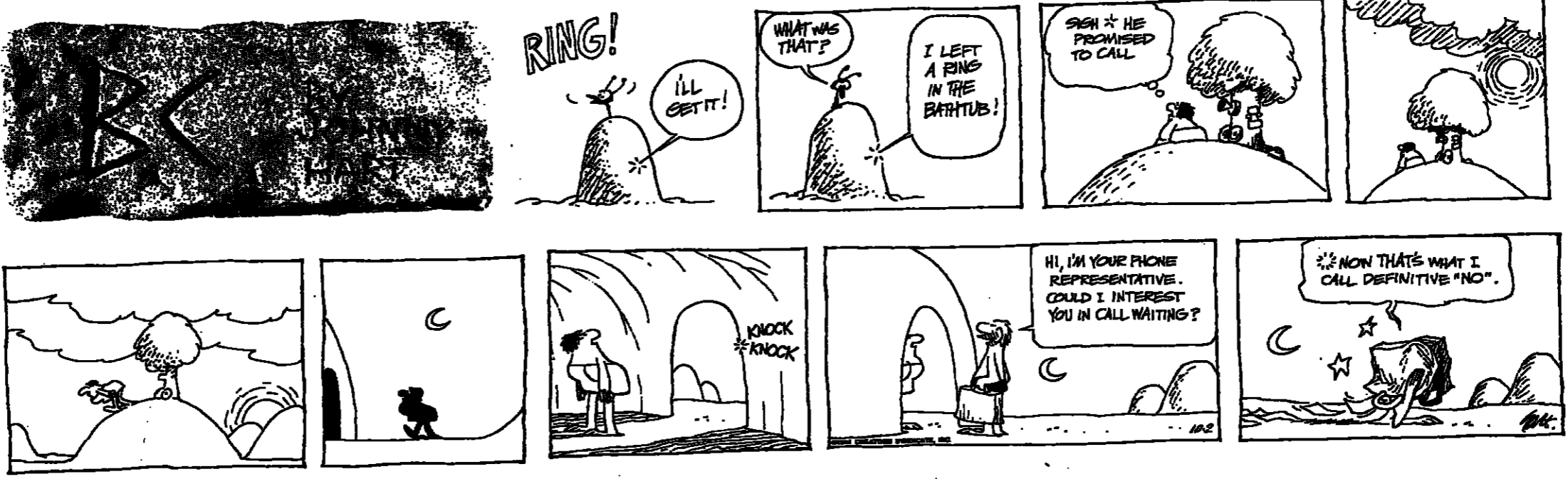
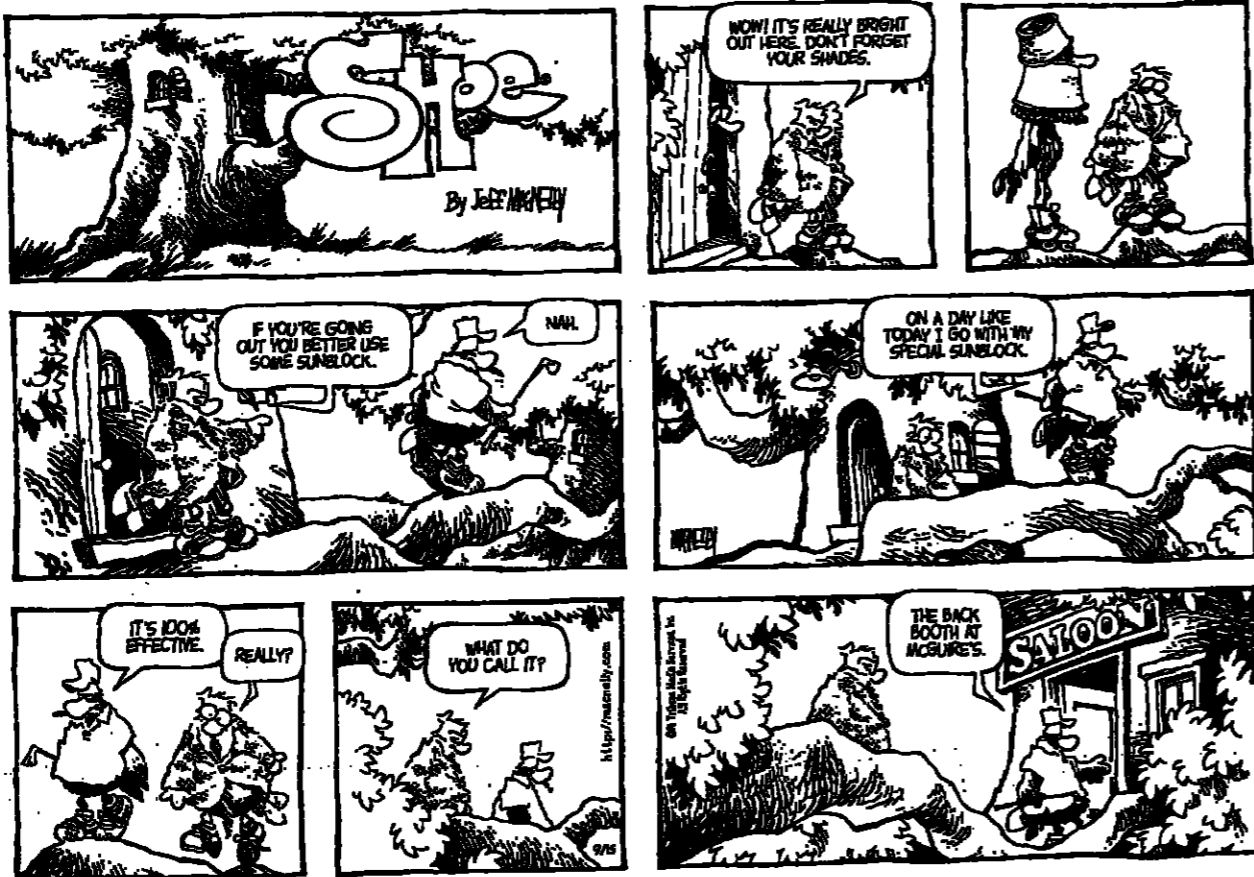




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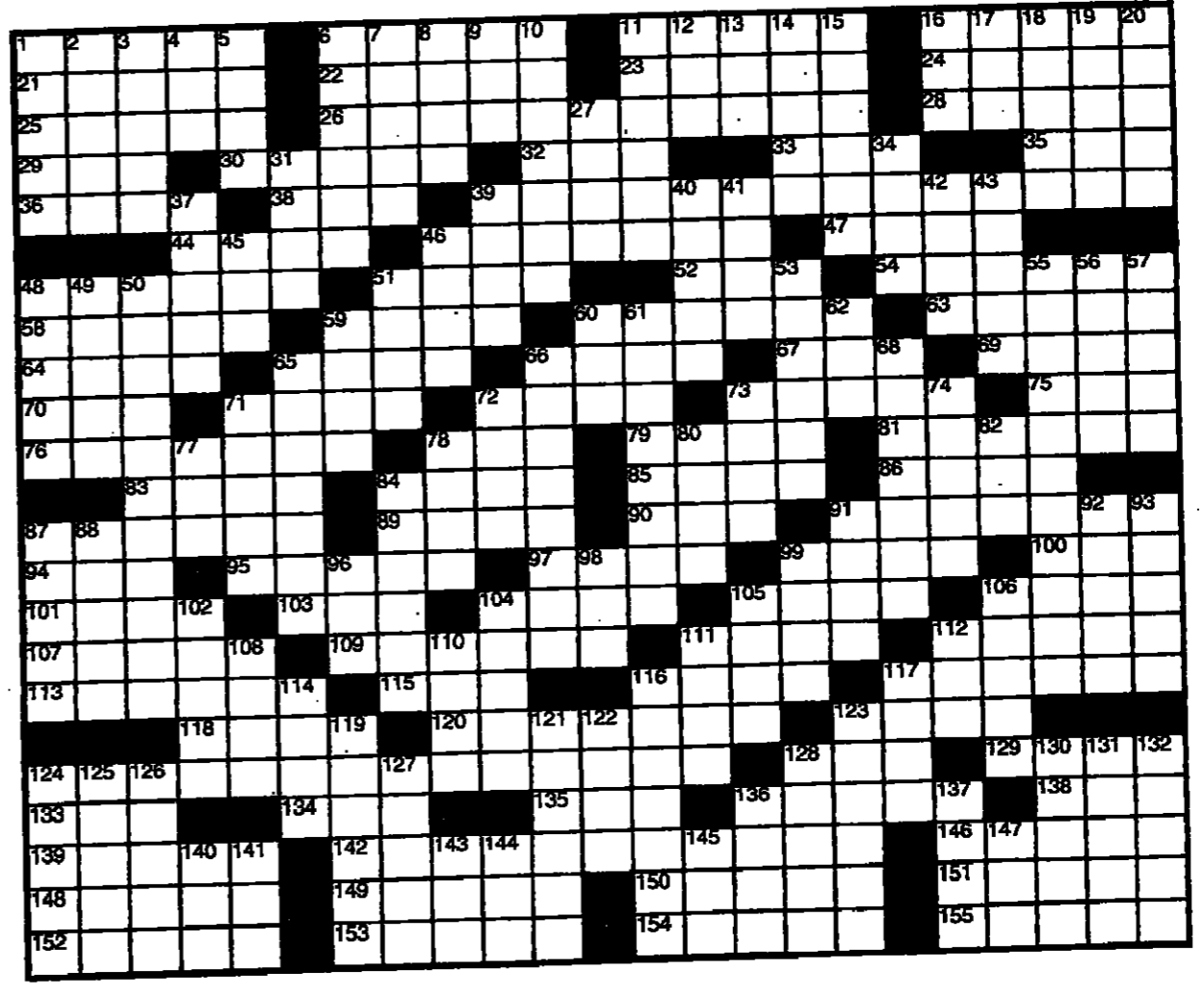
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# Blacks as swing voters would benefit both parties

BY MATTHEW COOPER

"Jack Kemp has the best black Rolodex in the country," Maynard Jackson says over the din of the crowd at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The former Atlanta mayor worked closely with Kemp, when Jackson ran the South's black Mecca and Kemp headed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We talked all the time," Jackson says, his once-enormous frame slimmed by hours with a personal trainer. But Jackson, like many black officials here, is dubious that Kemp, even with his history of reaching out to minorities, even with personal friendships with many pols here, can loosen the Democratic hold on black voters. This is especially true, Jackson says, since Kemp modified his positions on affirmative action and immigration. "That Jack Kemp no longer exists," Jackson says. "There's a new Kemp out there."

It would be tempting to dismiss Jackson's disparaging remarks as the spin of a partisan Democrat. But the selection of Kemp seems to have done little to sway black voters from their allegiance to U.S. President Bill Clinton and his party. According to the Joint Center for Political Studies, which specializes in African-American politics, some 82 percent of blacks remain Democrats. Recent polling by Ron Lester, a Democratic consultant who is black himself, showed Dole only getting about 4 percent of the black vote before the GOP convention and the exact same percentage after naming Kemp. "It hasn't even been a blip," Lester says.

Forces of attraction and repulsion seem to be shaping the black vote. On the repulsion side is Newt Gingrich and the GOP Congress. Despite the Speaker's attempts to reach out to minorities — he quoted Martin Luther King in his San Diego speech and, more substantively, slowed the progress of anti-affirmative action legislation in the House — he remains terribly unpopular among African Americans, as he does among the rest of the country. Only 15.6 percent of blacks polled by the Joint Center thought favorably of Gingrich, while an astounding 87.6 percent thought favorably of Clinton. Blacks also remain the segment of the electorate most favorably disposed to government. The GOP's harsh anti-government rhetoric has only strengthened a Democratic predisposition that dates to the New Deal.

On the attraction side of the ledger, Clinton has done as much to court the black vote as any president ever. His aggressive affirmative action in appointments — four blacks were named to the Cabinet — had carried a

symbolic weight. His Southern roots help, too, because the majority of blacks still live in the South. And Clinton's personal ease among blacks and his knack for the cultural gesture — belting blues on his saxophone or chowing on barbecue — has clearly helped him. At the meeting in Chicago of the Democratic Party's African-American caucus, one speaker's claim that Clinton understands black problems not just intellectually "but from the neck down, with his heart" met with huge applause.

Not even vigorous campaigning by Colin Powell would be likely to make any difference. All signs suggest it would help more among whites than blacks. (Powell's positive rating among blacks, according to the Joint Center, is 68 percent — lower than Clinton's.) Powell was not universally lauded among blacks at the convention. When Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., son of the erstwhile presidential candidate, addressed the caucus, he took direct aim at Powell. "Someone who looked like us got up there and thanked Reagan for spending more on the military," Jackson said, to derisive laughter.

To keep the black turnout high this fall, the party is planning its most energetic effort yet to reach out to minority voters. The so-called African-American working group, an informal team of top black political officials in the Clinton administration and the Democratic National Committee, has been working on extensive plans to reach blacks. A major print ad campaign has been designed by a black-led ad agency. The stark black-and-white ads, which will fly below the radar of the mainstream media, will appear this fall in black publications such as *Jet* and *Black Elegance*. Democrats also are planning massive ad buys on black radio stations in the nation's top 25 media markets and on a black Internet site called *Net Noir*.

Yet there's less of a sense among blacks than in the past that the party is beholden to this most loyal of constituencies. Though there was grumbling here about the welfare bill President Clinton signed, there also was a willingness to suppress that animus for the sake of party unity. On affirmative action, though, the party remains untransformed. The platform endorses affirmative action in the strongest terms. Press releases from the convention's organizing committee boast of the percentage of "persons of color" who have been appointed to top slots. The party still has rigid mathematical formulas for the composition of each state's delegation. There is no sign that practice will change.

The party's attachment to group rights was certainly apparent at a forum hosted by Bill Bradley at Chicago's Field Museum. Billed as a

"conversation on race," it involved an earnest Bradley leading a panel of literati, including the novelists Toni Morrison and Richard Ford. When Harvard Professor Cornel West, a panelist, mocked the idea of "a whole new discussion about color-blindness," the crowd roared with approval. Other moments in the discussion showed how far identity politics have permeated the party. The novelist Bharati Mukherjee complained about her experiences living in Iowa City. Did she suffer carcalls and harassment? No. But, she told the crowd, she was angered in retrospect when people complimented her on her beautiful sari. "I didn't know enough to realize I was being exoticized," she said. "Because I was so pliant then I didn't know how to take offense."

It may seem impossible to imagine a time when the Democratic Party will be less infused by such thinking; it may seem equally hard to imagine a GOP that's less white bread. But it's worth remembering that between 1944 and 1964 black identification with the GOP ranged between 23 percent and 39 percent. If it were possible to regain those numbers, everyone would win. There would be a more moderate GOP, a more sensible Democratic Party and blacks themselves would be genuine swing voters, courted with the same fervor that Catholics, Californians and other constituencies now enjoy. Though most black Democrats still won't acknowledge the obvious benefits to all of a strong black voice in the GOP, a few did. "I don't think Kemp will be effective," says the Reverend Benjamin Hooks, the former head of the NAACP. "But it would obviously benefit both parties." Amen.

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# Clinton campaign focuses on winning back Congress

BY ROBERT NOVAK

When U.S. President Bill Clinton donned his commander-in-chief's hat to punish Saddam Hussein, he pushed the 1996 political campaign to a new stage: the battle for the control of Congress.

It is difficult to fully describe the frustration experienced by Bob Dole's managers when, facing a double-digit deficit (21 points in two published polls), they now must cope with Clinton firing cruise missiles at Iraq. Both sides agree that it is much too early to write off the presidential race, but the hill that Dole must climb has become very steep indeed.

Accordingly, the post-Labor Day talk of the town in Washington, D.C., concerns this question: When should Republicans running for Congress declare the battle cry "Every candidate for himself" and abandon the presidential race? Less overtly, Clinton is becoming more and more involved in electing a Democratic Congress.

This move by Clinton defies the conventional wisdom that the president is not much of a party man who might be quite content to go into his second term with a Republican-controlled Congress. In truth, that description was accurate only as long as Clinton perceived himself as barely holding his own in a very close race for re-election.

A big lead, which may be made even bigger by the latest Iraq crisis, transforms Clinton. His competitive juices flowing, he now frequently calls for a Democratic Congress.

That was never more evident than on Clinton's triumphant train ride from West Virginia to the Democratic convention in Chicago. Although the trip was crafted to go through normally Republican small towns to carve away at what remains of the Dole vote, the whistle-stop also made clear for the first time that the president was seriously campaigning for a Democratic Congress.

During his stop at East Lansing, Mich., Clinton went out of his way to promote the candidacy of former state Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a big-time politician with statewide aspirations. She opposes Rep. Dick Chrysler, who has been singled out by organized labor and the Democratic Party as one of the most conspicuous conservative targets in the nation.

Clinton knows exactly who Stabenow is and what the stakes are. No previous president — not even political junkie Richard M. Nixon — ever was so aware of the congressional map of the United States. Furthermore, Clinton is unlike past Republican landslide presidential winners Nixon and Ronald Reagan. They were not interested — Nixon ostentatiously so — in helping the party's congressional candidates. Each pursued and each fell one short of a 50-state sweep. Clinton has no such illusions and clearly is directing himself to congressional races.

That is building a major push in Republican ranks to jettison the Dole-Kemp ticket and try to save Republican control of Congress. At the very least, the 15 percent to 25 percent of GOP voters who are defecting to vote for Clinton might be persuaded to prevent a Democratic-controlled House in the 105th Congress where Rep. Charles Rangel becomes chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and Rep. Henry Gonzalez is restored as chairman of the Fed-watching Banking Committee.

But it is not that easy. Consider Ohio, where Dole is now running far behind. Two-term Rep. Martin Hoke is the state's top Republican target and would seem to be in very serious trouble in what is basically a Democratic northeast Ohio district. His hope is that his Democratic opponent is state Sen. Dennis Kucinich, who faces the problem of voters remembering his brief but bizarre tenure as mayor of Cleveland nearly two decades ago.

Consequently, Hoke now runs well ahead of Dole in his district. Too far. The private guess by Ohio Republican strategists is that if Clinton carries the district by more than 7 percentage points, you can address Kucinich as congressman.

Typically endangered by the president is conservative freshman Rep. Randy Tate of Washington, who is perhaps the No. 1 national target of liberals and labor. Clinton runs well ahead in Tate's Tacoma area district. National Republican strategists fret that few voters will really enter the polling booth Nov. 5 to vote for both Clinton and Tate.

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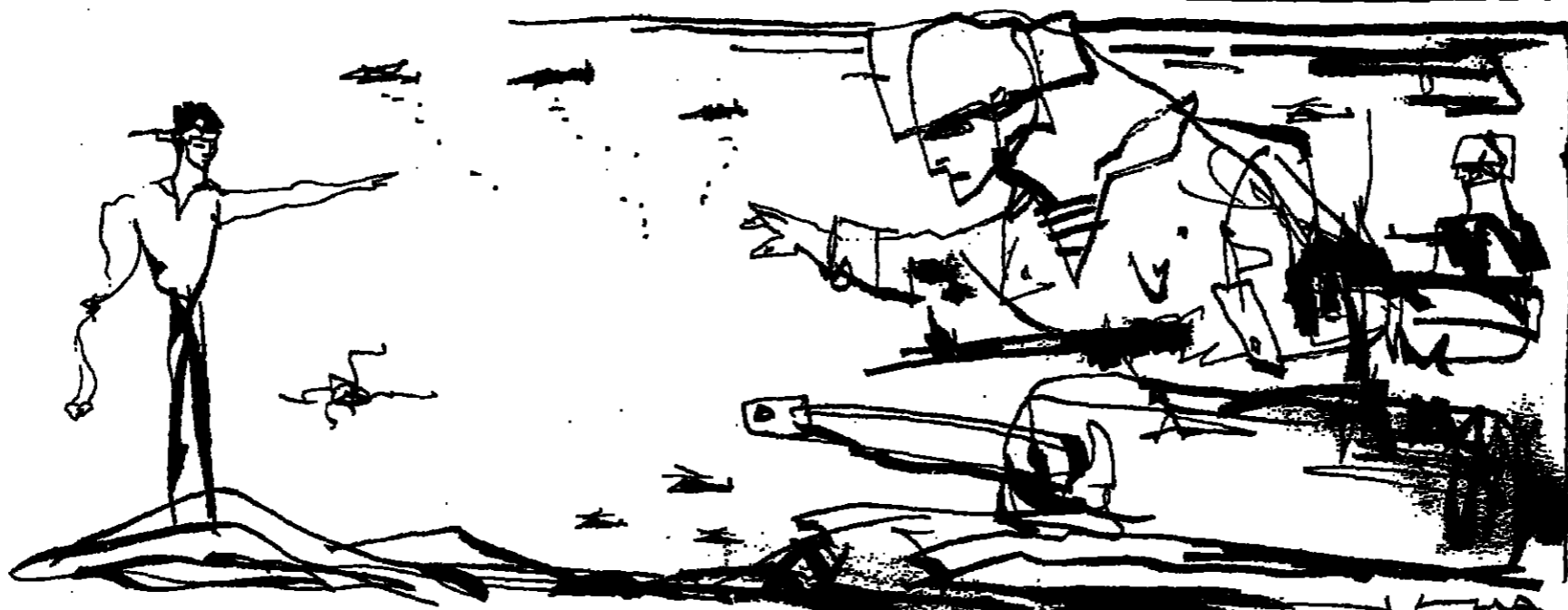
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# Beating Goliath is easier than it seems

### A military historian reveals that almost all recent wars of insurgents against powerful regular armies have ended in victory for the rebels, writes Abraham Rabinovitch

THE most surprising aspect of the humbling of the Russian army by the ragtag fighters of Chechnya is that the world is still amazed at victories of insurgents against powerful regular armies.

The world, says Prof. Martin van Creveld of the Hebrew University, should know better.

"There have been about 100 such wars since 1945, and all but one or two have ended in the victory of the insurgents," the noted military historian said in an interview this week.

The failure of Israel to suppress the intifada is only a minor example of this seeming anomaly. "In Vietnam, the Americans dropped three times as many bombs as they had against Germany and Japan together in the Second World War, but they had no real target to hit," notes van Creveld.

Two million Vietnamese died in America's futile struggle to impose its will on that area and a million died in France's futile attempt to retain its hegemony in Algeria.

Struggles involving irregular forces

on at least one side are sometimes referred to as "low-intensity conflicts," but van Creveld notes that many of these conflicts, such as in Bosnia and Chechnya, are in fact of extremely high intensity.

The terms guerrilla warfare or terrorism are often used in connection with such "unconventional" struggles. The Germans used the term "banditry" to describe what they were up against in the very first of these modern conflicts, says van Creveld - the failed attempt to suppress Yugoslav partisans in World War II.

Van Creveld himself prefers the term "non-trinitarian" warfare. The phrase refers to Von Clausewitz's statement that war is based on "a remarkable trinity of government, army and people."

The emergence following the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 of modern states - independent entities distinct from royal rulers - marked the beginning of "trinitarian" warfare in which states mobilized their power to engage in direct confrontation with other, similarly mobilized, states.

Military doctrine, training and equipment were geared by all states toward combat with the armies of other states, the most dangerous opponents visible. World War II was the devastating culmination of 300 years of "trinitarian" warfare.

Since then, however, the great majority of conflicts have pitted states not against other states but against rebels with a cause who were without clear infrastructures that can be targeted and smashed.

Military doctrine, however, has not made the adjustment.

It has remained a puzzle, even to experts, why, in this repeated version of David and Goliath, Goliath keeps taking a fall. During a meeting at a European think tank last year, van Creveld discussed the Chechnya fighting with a former deputy US secretary of state.

"He kept saying that what was happening was because the Russians weren't using everything they had," van Creveld said. "But that's nonsense. After 50 years of this kind of warfare people keep inventing all kinds of excuses, like the army not using everything it has or not being ruthless enough or being betrayed by politicians."

"You can't say the Germans weren't ruthless. They killed a million Yugoslavs and still didn't succeed. What the Americans did in Vietnam was closer to genocide than war. They dropped six million tons of TNT; the equivalent force of the two atom

bombs it dropped on Japan was 35,000 tons."

If instead of the intifada the Palestinians had attempted to confront Israel in organized battalions, "we would have made mincemeat of them in 48 hours," says van Creveld. That is precisely what happened in the opening of the Lebanon War in 1982, he notes, when organized Palestinian military units engaged the invading Israeli army.

Given the likelihood that the Palestinians would, if they again enter into conflict with Israel, adopt an intifada-like mode rather than a form of combat Israel would prefer, the political implications are clear, says van Creveld. "We will not be able to hold on to the territories forever. One way or another the Palestinians will have, if not a full state, then certainly a political entity. And the sooner the better."

The outstanding exception to the pattern of humiliation inflicted on regular armies by irregular indigenous forces in the past half century is the success of the Syrian army in imposing itself on Lebanon in the 1970s and 1980s.

Although the subject has not been properly researched, van Creveld suspects there were three principal reasons for Hafez Assad's success. First-class intelligence information on his factionalized neighbor would have been basic. Beyond that was the reputation for ruthlessness he had won for himself when in 1982 he

used artillery and tanks to destroy a good part of one of his own cities, Hama, to suppress a Moslem Brotherhood uprising. Some 20-30,000 Syrian citizens were killed in the operation.

"He heeded Machiavelli's rules for using cruelty: Be hard, fast; do it in the open and don't apologize. Assad didn't apologize. On the contrary, he made it clear he would do it again if he felt he had to."

Israel, notes the historian, behaved in exactly the opposite fashion when it profusely apologized following the accidental killing of close to 100 Lebanese civilians by its artillery during Operation Grapes of Wrath.

A third reason for the Syrian success, suggests van Creveld, is that its forces in Lebanon have motivation for staying there by being permitted to partake in "a roaring trade," including drugs, a factor which also creates a symbiosis with the local population.

The emerging de-motivation among Israel's youth for military service, says van Creveld, stems in good part from the intifada, which imposed on the army the suppression of a civilian population. "I predicted this would happen," he said. "The only surprise is that it's taken this long."

Van Creveld advocates not only separation of Israel and the Palestinians but the construction of a concrete wall between the two to prevent infiltration. "Barbed wire isn't good enough."

# The battle for the environment rages on

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IT always seems that the urge to sum up things and to evaluate them becomes almost overpowering at this time of year. Of course we approach the matter hoping to see that things have really improved over the past year. In this, those who are watching developments in our environment are no exception. And, as is so very often true, the message we get here in Israel is a mixed one, or as is often said: there's good news and there's bad news.

One of the most encouraging things of all is the degree to which the average Israeli has become aware that there really are environmental issues to be addressed. People who only a few years ago had never thought about these things are now, at least, talking about them. And who knows, perhaps eventually there may even be a political leader far-sighted enough to address the environmental issues facing us in a realistic manner, perhaps even include these matters in his or her party platform.

And then, very much on the plus side is the fact that the courts are beginning to take crimes against the environment more seriously. For example, in the ruling of a Tiberias magistrate against the Safed Municipality and against builders obliging them to see that there was proper infrastructure, including sewage treatment and disposal, before they will be allowed to fill the newly built and, as yet, vacant housing in the suburb of Nof Kinneret. Not only was this decision handed down, but when the accused appealed the verdict, it was upheld by the higher court, thus setting a precedent.

In Haifa, air pollution is at an all-time low thanks to the decisions of the courts in several important suits, and despite all objections the companies concerned have been forced to obey the law.

But, unfortunately, just as much as the situation vis-a-vis air pollution in Haifa has improved, it has worsened in Jerusalem. So far, the municipality has been dragging its collective feet over this matter and new regulations are long overdue. The disposal of toxic waste has somewhat improved but there's still a long way to go before we can see ourselves properly rid of these noxious products. Nor have we yet addressed the issue of toxic waste that is not industrial, but domestic and agricultural. This should be a priority for the coming year.

There have also been a number of attempts to clean up the waterways and the sea coasts and to prohibit the further dumping of toxic waste at sea. These efforts are commendable but still fall far short of what is needed. But all in all, even though it seems at times that development of formerly rural and natural areas is completely out of control and although it looks as if soon the entire seafloor is going to be one big, polluted marina, still it is better to look upon the glass and note that it is half full, than to dismiss it as half empty.

That may superficially seem simple, naive optimism, but it is this faith in a better future that makes things possible.

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## Hindi widows cast out by society

DEVOTION is the driving force in the river town of Vrindavan, India. The chants of the faithful blend with the chiming of bells from 5,000 temples.

But the prayers rising from one small alley have an especially soulful tone. They are the devotions of widows - some still in their early 20s - who were cast away from their families and shunned by society after their husbands died.

In India's ritualistic, male-dominated Hindu society, widowhood is a little-noticed dimension of the discrimination that women face. Among superstitious families, a widow often is blamed by her in-laws for her husband's death. Unless she controls property, she is treated shabbily and even ostracized.

Vrindavan developed into a Hindu pilgrimage center early in this century and soon became a refuge for cast-out widows, who believe that by dying in such a holy town they can break the cycle of birth and re-birth.

At the six shelters for widows in Vrindavan, more than 2,000 widows gather each morning to begin prayers that last until nightfall.

Dressed uniformly in white cotton saris and with their heads covered, they sit in a courtyard around an altar with an idol of Lord Krishna surrounded by burning incense sticks. Their heads bob up and down to the monotonous drone of "Hare Rama. Hare Krishna."

Each widow is given two rupees (7 cents) every evening and a cupful of uncooked rice and lentils, enough for one meal.

"We have no limit here. Anybody who comes here and spends the day singing odes is entitled to the bounty," says Bipin Sharma of the Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram Trust, which runs two homes for widows in Vrindavan.

Before they begin their prayers, many women work, earning about 350 rupees (\$10) a month cleaning temples. Half that goes to rent a room, often shared by as many as three widows.

"I am too ill to work, so my 12-year-old daughter earns by stitching and sewing," says Jashoda Rani, 35.

Rani fled to her brother's house after her husband died four years ago, but came to Vrindavan when he, too, abandoned her.

There are few options for widows.

Hindus frown on remarriage for women, though there are no such social barriers for men. Family members go to the extent of ensuring that widows turn vegetarian, believing that eating meat arouses sexual desire.

Until modern times, widows were expected to jump on their husbands' funeral pyre in a tradition known as *sati*. The practice was outlawed decades ago, but the last known case occurred as recently as 1987.

Most women in Vrindavan have little to look forward to. It is the dead end of their lives, and for some it comes early.

"I was married off when I was five years old. My husband, whom I never saw, was 13 and he died one month after the wedding," says Gita Devi, who at age 77 is among the most veteran members of the shelter she helps run.

According to the World Bank, 65 percent of Indian women older than 60 are widows. That rises to 80% for women older than 70.

"Widowhood reflects the status of women in India," says Anne Tinker, a World Bank specialist who has studied Indian women for four years.

As India modernizes, attitudes toward women take bizarre contradictions. Indian women fly air force jets, head million-dollar corporations and sit in Parliament - but the last known case occurred as recently as 1987.

But it's a different story for most women.

Infanticide of newborn girls and abortion of female fetuses has reduced the number of women to 927 for every 1,000 men.

On average, girl infants are weaned two months earlier than boys. Girls get less food than their brothers and often are forced to stay home to help their mothers rather than go to school.

In a phenomenon known as "dowry deaths," young brides who fail to satisfy rapacious in-laws with gifts from their families are murdered in "kitchen accidents" or tormented into suicide.

"In India, where a woman's identity is determined by her being an appendage to a male, widowhood has a much larger dimension than losing a husband," says Vrinda Karat of the All India Democratic Women's Association. (AP)



Hindu widows, never to remarry, pray to the Hindu Lord Krishna in Vrindavan, India. (AP)



Gita Devi, widowed at age 5, runs a shelter for Hindu widows. (AP)

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Liverpool tops Premier League table

LONDON (Reuters) - Czech international Patrick Berger scored his first two goals for Liverpool yesterday in a 3-0 win at newly promoted Leicester...

Rud Gullit's Chelsea, level on points with Liverpool before the start of play, was held 1-1 at home by League Cup holders Aston Villa in the day's other match.

Berger, who came on at halftime for out-of-sorts Liverpool striker Stan Collymore, blasted the ball home from the edge of the box just before the hour mark after a neat exchange of passes with England forward Steve McManaman.

Nineteen minutes later the Czech picked up the ball in midfield, danced through the Leicester defense and slammed the ball home, again with his favored left foot.

In between, Michael Thomas scored with a half-hit volley which Leicester's American goalkeeper Kasey Keller fumbled into his own net.

Berger, who supported Liverpool from a distance as a boy, joined the club last month from German champions Borussia Dortmund for £3.0 million.

The result took Liverpool, which has won a record 18 English league titles, two points clear of overnight leaders and arch-rivals Manchester United at the top of the league.

But they could be overtaken by early pacesetter Sheffield Wednesday, which travels to crisis-ridden Arsenal tonight.

At Stamford Bridge, Ireland international Andy Townsend, facing his former club, scored against the run of play from a cunning 18th-minute free-kick to give Villa the lead.

The Villa captain positioned himself in a three-man wall in front of the ball, 25 meters from goal.

Dwight Yorke, standing next to him, flicked the ball to one side allowing Townsend to spin and crack a dipping left-foot shot past Chelsea goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock.

Chelsea pulled level on the stroke of halftime through French international defender Frank Leboeuf, whose third goal of the season makes him the club's top scorer.

Leboeuf, sporting a stylish pair of royal blue boots to match his kit, stole in at the back post to squeeze home an aimless cross from Italian defender Roberto



HEAD UP - Leicester's Steve Walsh (1) challenges Liverpool's Robbie Fowler for the ball. (Reuters)

Matteo. Chelsea took control in the second half but failed to find the winner which would have kept them in touch with Liverpool, their next opponents in the Premier League.

On Saturday Alan Shearer scored from a controversial penalty against his former club Blackburn to set Newcastle on its way to a 2-1 victory.

The England striker, who left Blackburn last month for a world-record £15 million, smashed home

his spot kick after Scotland defender Colin Hendry was harshly adjudged to have handled in the area on the stroke of halftime.

Les Ferdinand added his fourth goal in three league games after the break, and although Blackburn pulled one back through Shearer's former striking partner Chris Sutton five minutes from time, Kevin Keegan's side held on to win.

Newcastle is now level on points with Manchester United, which came from behind to beat

Nottingham Forest 4-1, and early pacesetter Sheffield Wednesday.

Wednesday can leapfrog back to the top today when it faces Arsenal, reeling from the resignation on Friday of caretaker manager Stewart Houston, and captain Tony Adams's admission on Saturday he is an alcoholic.

Shearer was unsentimental about a result which pushes 1995 champions Blackburn to the bottom of the league table with just one point from six games.

Asked about the penalty deci-

sion, which brought a storm of protests from his former colleagues, he said: "No one intends to handle the ball in the box, but it hit (Hendry's) hand, and in my opinion if it hits your hand in the area it's a penalty."

Goalkeeper Tim Flowers, who has played with Shearer at Southampton, Blackburn and for England, guessed correctly, diving to his right, and almost saved the kick.

"Tim phoned me last night and told me he'd know which way to go if there was a penalty," Shearer said with a smile. "He did, but fortunately he didn't reach it."

Leeds defender Andy Couzens gave George Graham the perfect welcome back to soccer after 18 months in the wilderness, scoring in the opening minute against bottom-side Coventry.

Graham took over as manager of the Elland Road club this week - his first job since sacked as boss of London giants Arsenal in early 1995 for accepting illegal pay-

ments from transfer deals. But Graham's return was soured in the second half as Coventry, bottom of the table before start of play, equalized through John Salako, and then scored the winner through former Leeds favorite Noel Whelan.

There was a touch of deja vu for Frenchman Eric Cantona at Old Trafford, where defending champions United recorded their first home win of the season.

For the second consecutive Saturday the midfielder scored United's fourth goal in the final minute of the match, and for the second consecutive Saturday he had a penalty to take.

That's where the similarities ended though.

Last week at Leeds, Cantona missed his spot kick before scoring from open play. This week, against Nottingham Forest, he found the net with a fierce drive from outside the box, then rounded off the win from the spot with seconds remaining.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: PREMIER LEAGUE: Chelsea 1, Aston Villa 1; Leicester 0, Liverpool 3.

DIVISION ONE: West Brom 2, Wolverhampton 4.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 2, Leeds 1; Derby 1, Sunderland 0; Everton 1, Middlesbrough 2; Manchester United 4, Nottingham Forest 1; Newcastle 2, Blackburn 1; Southampton 0, Tottenham 1; West Ham 0, Wimbledon 2.

DIVISION ONE: Barnsley 1, Queens Park Rangers 3; Birmingham 3, Stoke 1; Bolton 2, Portsmouth 0; Charlton 1, Reading 0; Crystal Palace 3, Manchester City 1; Norwich 0, Southampton 0; Oxford United 2, Bradford 0; Port Vale 1, Grimsby 1; Sheffield United 1, Ipswich 3; Swindon 2, Tranmere 1.

DIVISION TWO: Brentford 1, Blackpool 1; Bristol Rovers 0, Walsall 1; Burnley 2, Wycombe 1; Crewe 3, Wrexham 1; Luton 0, Chesterfield 1; Notts County 1, Millwall 2; Peterborough 2, York 2; Preston 0, Bournemouth 1; Rotherham 2, Bristol City 2; Shrewsbury 1, Bury 1; Stockport 3, Plymouth 1; Walsall 1, Gillingham 0.

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SCOTTISH PREMIER: Aberdeen 3, Kilmarnock 0; Dundee United 1, Celtic 2; Dumfries 1, Motherwell 1; Hibernian 1, Raith 0; Rangers 3, Hearts 0.

Adams admits alcohol abuse

LONDON (AP) - Former England captain Tony Adams, explaining his latest bout with alcohol that began after this summer's loss in the European Championship, described himself Saturday as an alcoholic "on the road to recovery."

The 29-year-old defender said he told his Arsenal teammates about his problem on Friday.

"I've been attending Alcoholics Anonymous," he told reporters. "It's OK. I'm on the road to recovery."

"I have a lot of things to do and a lot of things to work on and I am doing it."

Adams said he had his first drink in four months after England's penalty shootout loss to Germany in June in the semifinals of the European Championship at Wembley stadium.

His problems have also included the breakdown of his marriage after his 30-year-old wife, Jane, received treatment for cocaine addiction.

An official of England's Football Association said it would support Adams.

"Obviously, we are deeply concerned about this story," spokesman David Davies said. "Tony Adams can be assured of our total support in sorting out any problems he has."

"His role as England captain during Euro 96 has been widely and rightly recognized as considerable."

It was not immediately clear if Adams will play in Arsenal's next match today with Sheffield Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

NFL - Early scores yesterday: New England 31, Arizona 9; Houston 29, Baltimore 13; Philadelphia 24, Detroit 17; Minnesota 20, Chicago 14; Cincinnati 30, New Orleans 15; Miami 36, NY Jets 27; Green Bay 42, San Diego 10. AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL - Results Saturday in finals-round matches in Australian Football League: Brisbane 26.14 (170) def. Carlton 10.13 (73); Essendon 22.12 (144) def. West Coast Eagles 8.19 (67).

Surrey ends 14-year title drought

LONDON (Reuters) - Surrey put 14 years of frustration behind it by capturing the Sunday League title with a convincing seven-wicket win over Glamorgan in the season's final round of matches.

Led by England opener Alec Stewart, who had never previously won a trophy during his long career at the Oval, Surrey has been one of county cricket's major under-achievers since its last domestic triumph, the Nat West Trophy, in 1982.

But the arrival of Australian coach Dave Gilbert this season has brought about a change of attitude and its new-found sense of purpose was evident in the way Glamorgan was swept aside after totaling only 159 for nine in its 40 overs.

Stewart was at the crease on 41 not out when the winning runs arrived with 7.1 overs remaining, and his side still has a chance of the championship title if it can win the first-class game against the same opponents today.

The result made the game between chasing rivals Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire an irrelevance, although Notts 24-run victory ensured the team finished second in the table, behind Surrey on run-rate.

Records tumbled at Chester-le-Street as Leicestershire piled up 344 for four, the second-highest total in the history of the 40-over competition, on its way to a 130-run victory over Durham.

Its 344 for four was 19 short of Somerset's total at Neath six years ago and included the fastest Sunday century of the season, Darren Maddy reaching the target off 54 balls.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Warwickshire by eight wickets. Warwickshire 156-9 innings closed, Derbyshire 160-2 (K.Barnett 57 not out). At Chesham: Essex beat Sussex by seven wickets. Sussex 215-8 innings closed (P.Moore 55), Essex 217-3 (S.Law 126, N.Hussain 71).

At Northampton: Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by seven wickets. Northamptonshire 202-5 innings closed (A.Penberthy 80, R.Bailey 57 not out), Lancashire 203-3 (J.Gallian 70, P.McKeown 69).

At Uxbridge: Middlesex beat Somerset by four wickets. Somerset 194 (G.Rose 54), Middlesex 195-6 (M.Rampuraksh 80 not out).

At Canterbury: Kent beat Hampshire by one run. Kent 172 (C.Hooper 70, T.Ward 51), Hampshire 171-4 (J.Laney 57, G.White 56).

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Gloucestershire by 14 runs. Worcestershire 257-2 innings closed (T.Moody 102, L.Carris 77, G.Hick 57 not out), Gloucestershire 243-7 innings closed (R.Dawson 85).

Table with columns: GP, W, L, T, NR, P, RR. Lists statistics for various teams like Surrey, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Somerset, Northamptonshire, Middlesex, Worcestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Essex, Durham.

Top 25 college football scores

- 1. Nebraska (1-0) did not play. Next at No. 19 Arizona State, Saturday. 2. Tennessee (0-0) did not play. Next vs. No. 4 Florida, Saturday. 3. Florida State (1-0) did not play. Next at North Carolina State, Thursday. 4. Florida (2-0) did not play. Next at No. 2 Tennessee, Saturday. 5. Col. (2-1) lost to No. 11 Michigan 20-13. Next at No. 25 Texas A&M, Saturday. 6. Brigham Young (2-1) lost to Northern Illinois 49-0. Next at Temple, Saturday. 7. Texas (2-0) did not play. Next vs. No. 9 Notre Dame, Saturday. 8. Ohio State (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday. 9. Notre Dame (2-0) beat Purdue 35-0. Next at No. 7 Texas, Saturday. 10. Michigan (2-0) beat No. 5 Colorado 20-13. Next vs. Boston College, Saturday. 11. North Carolina (2-0) did not play. Next vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday. 12. Alabama (3-0) beat Vanderbilt 38-28. Next at Arkansas, Saturday. 13. Arizona State (1-0) lost to Wash. 29-17. Next vs. New Mexico, Saturday. 14. Southern Cal (2-1) beat Oregon State 46-17. Next at Houston, Saturday. 15. Arizona State (1-0) beat Maryland 21-3. Next at Rice, Saturday. 16. Virginia Tech (2-0) beat North Texas 45-7. Next vs. Rutgers, Saturday. 17. LSU (1-0) did not play. Next at No. 15 Auburn, Saturday. 18. Iowa State (2-0) beat Iowa 38-13. Next at Wake Forest, Saturday. 19. Virginia (2-0) did not play. Next at Minnesota, Saturday. 20. Kansas (2-0) beat Texas Christian 52-17. Next at Utah, Sept. 28. 21. Texas A&M (0-2) lost to SW Louisiana 29-22. Next vs. North Texas, Saturday.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Reports showing modest retail sales and steady consumer prices sent the stock market soaring to an all-time high as relieved investors became convinced the Federal Reserve won't raise interest rates this month.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that despite strong back-to-school demand, overall retail sales barely budged in August, rising by just 0.2 percent, far below expectations.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that its Consumer Price Index rose a tiny 0.1%, reflecting big declines in clothing and energy costs.

Reacting to the two reports, the Dow Jones industrial average soared past the 5,800-mark for the first time in history to close at a record high of 5,838.52, up 66.58 for the day.

After the previous record close of 5,778 on May 22, the market had gone into a summer swoon as investors worried about rate hikes and poor performances by technology companies.

Friday also proved lucky for the bond market as it staged its biggest rally in more than a month, with heavy demand driving the yield on

Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond down to 6.93%, compared to 7.07% on Thursday.

The administration, which is counting on a strong economy to persuade voters to give US President Clinton a second term, hailed the two new reports, saying they showed the president's policies are working.

"We are continuing on a path of solid growth, low inflation," said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. "I think the outlook is very good."

Many private economists said the financial markets were correct in reading Friday's statistics as evidence Federal Reserve policy-makers will not boost interest rates when they meet September 24, their last session before the November elections.

"We had softer consumer spending and seasonally low price inflation," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Primark Decision Economics in New York. "That adds up to no Fed tightening."

Just a week ago, economists had the opposite view after a strong employment report pushed the jobless rate down to a seven-year low of 5.1%. Analysts said such a tight labor market would force the Fed to start raising interest rates to fight inflation.

Analysts said Friday's retail sales report should delay a rate hike, since it indicates the economy has begun to slow on its own. Consumer spending is considered critical since it accounts for two-thirds of the total economy.

The modest 0.2% gain in retail sales in August was sharply lower than the 1% spurt many analysts had been predicting and marked the third month sales have been lackluster.

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's FTSE Index closed the week at record highs as lower-than-expected US price data allayed worries about a possible US rate rise and investors looked ahead to more favorable earnings reports next week.

The FTSE closed Friday's session at 3,967.9 points, up 35.3 points on the day and 74.9 on the week.

FRANKFURT - German shares ended a busy bourse session on Friday shy of record highs, with the DAX index of 30 German blue-chips ending the day a full percentage point higher.

The DAX hit a bourse all-time high of 2,597.73 points earlier on before closing 25.64 points higher at 2,595.96 and up 78.96 on the week.

In post-bourse trade, the index rose 26.46 at 2,614.50. PARIS - Friday 13th proved lucky for French shares, with the bourse rallying strongly after US inflation and retail sales data soothed away fears of a Fed tightening on interest rates, traders said.

The blue-chip CAC-40 Index closed 15 points higher at 2,080.37.

That represented a gain of 75.62 on the week. ZURICH - Swiss shares rose sharply near the end of the session on better-than-expected US price data, which countered the negative impact of Nestle's first-half profit figures.

The blue-chip Swiss Market Index took the 3,700-point hurdle after being depressed most of the day by Nestle's results which were somewhat disappointing, dealers said.

But a modest rise in US consumer prices soothed interest rate hike fears, helping futures and share prices in Zurich.

The all-share Swiss Performance Index gained 17.45 points to end at 2,379.42 up 46.72 from last Friday.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks soared to close nearly 2% higher on Friday. Brokers said the market was relieved after fears that stock prices may fluctuate due to the settlement of the September futures and options had been soothed, brokers said.

The key 225-share Nikkei average was up 398.71 points to close at 20,842.64, a gain of 690.11 on the week.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)
Currency (deposit for) 3 MONTHS 6 MONTHS 12 MONTHS
US dollar 4.750 5.000 5.375
Euro 3.875 4.000 4.250
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INT'L MONEY MARKETS
Dollar crossrates (US)
Pound: spot 1.529 -0.006
6 months 1.517 -0.002
12 months 1.517 -0.002

Labor rates
Dollar 3 months 5.75 0
6 months 5.75 0
12 months 5.75 0

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US commodities
Cocoa (Dec) 1340 +5
Coffee (Nov) 104.7 +1.1
Sugar (Nov) 11.4 -0.3

London commodities
Cocoa (Dec) 1340 +5
Coffee (Nov) 104.7 +1.1
Sugar (Nov) 11.4 -0.3

Spot market metals (US)
Gold (Dec) 356.8 -0.2
Silver (Dec) 3.03 -0.07
Platinum (Dec) 120.95 +1.1

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Gold (Dec) 356.8 -0.2
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